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SUBJ: BHUTTO'S INTERVIEW WITH DE TELEGRAAF

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1. AFP RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING COPY
OF QUESTION AND ANSWER CONCERNING CENTO AND PAKISTAN'S
RELATIONSHIP WITH US FROM NOVEMBER 6 "DE TELEGRAAF"
INTERVIEW MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. QTE QUESTION: AS FOR THE MORE REGIONAL ASPECTS OF
PAKISTAN'S POSITION, YOUR COUNTRY IS STILL A MEMBER OF
CENTO (WITH IRAN, TURKEY, THE US AND BRITAIN). ARE YOU
SATISFIED WITH THE WORKING OF THIS TREATY, DO YOU CONSIDER
YOUR COUNTRY, BECAUSE OF THIS PACT, AN ALLY OF THE USA?
ANSWER: I WOULD PREFER TO ASK: HOW DOES AMERICA REGARD
US: WE ARE NOT TREATED LIKE AN ALLY. WE ARE THE ONLY
COUNTRY WHICH IS ALLIED TO THE US WHICH IS NOT ALLOWED TO
BUY AMERICAN WEAPONS ON CREDIT TERMS. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO
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PAY CASH FOR THESE EXPENSIVE WEAPONS. EVEN EGYPT CAN GET

CREDIT TERMS. IT NOW HAS PERMISSION TO BUY HERCULES PLANES.
I DO NOT ENVY OUR EGYPTIAN BROTHERS FOR THIS, BUT WHY CAN'T
WE GET CREDIT TERMS? THE AMERICANS LIKE TO SPARE CERTAIN
INDIAN SENSIBILITIES BY IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON OUR WEAPONS
PURCHASES. BUT ARE WE THREATENING INDIA? THE DAY BEFORE
YESTERDAY (THIS INTERVIEW WAS GIVEN BEFORE THE AMERICAN
ELECTIONS) JIMMY CARTER SAID THAT HE, IF ELECTED PRESIDENT,
WOULD DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO PREVENT PAKISTAN FROM GETTING
THE REPROCESSING PLANT FROM FRANCE, WHICH WE ORDERED FROM
THAT COUNTRY. WHAT IS THIS MAN INTERFERING WITH? WHAT IS
AMERICA INTERFERING WITH? I TELL YOU, WHEN MR. CARTER IS
ELECTED OR WHEN PRESIDENT FORD IS REELECTED, IF THEY
CONTINUE TO THWART US, WE WILL END THE ALLIANCE WITH THE
US. IF THIS HAPPENS, WE WILL TURN TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR
THE THINGS WE NEED. WHAT POSSESSES THESE AMERICANS? WHAT
CAUSE DID WE GIVE FOR THEIR RESENTMENT? HOW MANY ANTI-AMERICAN
STATEMENTS HAS INDIA MADE? DID WE EVER SAY SUCH THINGS ABOUT
THE AMERICANS? I KNOW I NEVER ATTACKED THE AMERICANS AS STRONGLY
AS I AM DOING NOW, BUT THEY CAUSED ME TO DO SO. NO, UNDER
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I CANNOT ATTACH A GREAT VALUE ANY LONGER
TO THIS ALLIANCE WITH THE U.S. UNQTE.

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